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CELEBRATE ARCHITECTURE WEEK APRIL 11-15, 2011

MAYOR OSCAR GOODMAN has officially proclaimed April 11-15 to be Architecture Week in Las Vegas, and he will be our guest of honor when we celebrate the architecture of the city and the many contributions he has made over the past twelve years in creating a more sustainable, livable and beautiful Las Vegas. Mayor Goodman has led the City to become more sustainable by initiating green standards for all buildings. He has been a champion of downtown revitalization, focusing his efforts on creating a downtown urban village filled with small businesses, boutiques, fine restaurants, bookstores and an art component where the

public can have social dialogue and exchange ideas. Downtown Las Vegas is quickly becoming a place where people want to live, work and play. The Mayor has also increased the livability of our city by encouraging a healthy and active community and by promoting sustainability as a way to ensure that current and future generations will enjoy the quality of life we have all worked so hard to achieve.

An exciting part of our week-long celebration is the annual **AIA LAS VEGAS UNBUILT DESIGN AWARDS** program. Designed to recognize the imagination, ingenuity, resourcefulness and creativity of those who have un-realized visions for our city, this is a juried program that presents theoretical, academic and unbuilt projects. Through these three categories we explore the architectural ideas and innovations of creative minds in finding solutions to design problems. On April 13th the submittal boards for the Unbuilt Design Awards will be exhibited in the gallery space of the Historic Fifth Street School, and the award recipients will be announced at the program following the 5:30PM reception.

AIA Las Vegas also recognizes talented young designers from Clark County High Schools each year with our annual design competition for drafting, architecture and art classes. The **AIA LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL DESIGN AWARDS** program has been active for 38 years. It began in 1971 when it was sponsored by the Southern Nevada Homebuilders Association. In the late 1980's the AIA Las Vegas Chapter began sponsoring the program and has worked consistently since then to provide an avenue for high school students to participate and learn more about design and the profession of architecture. Many of the successful practicing architects in Las Vegas today got their start in the High School Design Awards program, and are past recipients of these awards. Come meet the talented young designers and see the future architects of this city.

This year students from eight high schools have participated in the program and their work will be on display at the Architecture Week celebration event. Award recipients will be announced at the program and over \$3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. In addition, new this year, AIA Las Vegas has instituted a \$1,500.00 UNLV Scholarship Award for the most exceptional student.

The Architecture Week Celebration will be held in the Gallery and Auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School and will begin at 5:30PM on Wednesday, April 13th. There is no charge for attending, however, you MUST RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org/events/calendar.



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FRED HILLERBY LEGISLATIVE REPORT LOBBYIST FOR AIA NEVADA

This past fortnight began with the resignation of U.S. Senator John Ensign, setting off the unofficial start to the federal campaign season here and the redistricting battle to come. Ensign has been embroiled in an ugly scandal involving an affair and was widely expected to announce his retirement, if not resignation. This creates a rare open Senate seat and has set off a chain

reaction of moves that could greatly impact the redistricting effort later this Session.

In a move that has been an unofficial secret for months, Congressman Dean Heller (R, NV-2) quickly announced his intention to run for the Republican nomination for Ensign's seat. Just as quickly, perennial and controversial candidate Sharron Angle announced her intention to seek Heller's seat. She is the first of what is a long list of potential nominees, led by frontrunner Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki. (GOP Braces for Angle Encore-politico) A crowded primary could provide a repeat of her unlikely 2010 primary win and later general election loss to Harry Reid, and will be a persistent headache for the Republican Party in this race. It might also provide a chance for Democrats to pick up a seat that has been in Republican hands since it was created.

Democratic operatives are searching for a Senate candidate to face Heller in case Congresswoman Shelly Berkley (D, NV-1) decides not to run for Senate. Four Democratic Nevada Constitutional officers (Miller, Cortez-Masto, Wallin and Marshall) are mid-term and all are being wooed. Should Berkley decide to run for Senate, the Legislature will start redistricting with one open Senate seat, and 3 of what will be 4 Congressional seats unfilled by incumbents. This will ease some of the outside pressure on Legislators, and stir the hopes of those lawmakers who see someone in higher office looking back at them in the mirror each morning. (Legislature sharpens redistricting knife- Las Vegas Sun)

The tussle over job creation bills (see March 7 report) continued with the Governor saying he would veto bills that create holes in his budget. Both bills have passed their house of origin (AB 183, SB 192) and the potential showdown with the Governor remains. Local governments, particularly counties, remain caught in the middle and continue to be seen by both warring parties as a potential source of revenue, or a dumping ground for expensive programs. ('You raise taxes.' 'No, you do it.' - Las Vegas Sun)

Mining continues to be a popular target, and a bill removing a long-standing eminent domain provision was easily passed by the Senate. And in a very pointed hearing, Senator Horsford grilled the Department of Taxation about their audits of mining company tax returns. The exchange revealed that the Department had not had properly trained auditors for at least 2 years, and resulted in Department Director Dino DiCianno losing his job the next day. (Horsford Wants Audit of Tax Department- NV News Bureau) A variety of bills have been introduced recently to make it easier for plaintiff's attorneys to sue, or to forgive their late or improper filing of claims. Auto, workers comp, life and health insurers, along with hospitals,

remain popular targets for "transparency", price controls and enhanced oversight by everyone from the Legislature to new Consumer Advocates. Bills on medical marijuana, fake marijuana, state eminent domain over federal lands and a variety of other curiosities add to the festive atmosphere in Carson City- if not to the efficient and timely end of this Session.

March 21 is the deadline for Legislator's bills to be introduced, and a long set of floor sessions is expected Monday to accommodate the volume. March 28 is the same deadline for Committees, and bill introductions will greatly subside after that. April 15 is the deadline for non-budget bills to pass out of committees in the house of origin. Killing season can't begin soon enough for a great many measures introduced so far.

AB144 This bidder preference bill has passed the Assembly and a Senate committee. It is awaiting an amendment and action on the Senate floor.

AB 183 Debbie Smith's school construction bill has passed the Assembly and is now on the Senate floor for consideration and possible passage. The Governor has said he will veto this bill because of the impact on the budget.

SB 192 Senator Horsford's jobs bill has passed the Senate and been referred to the Assembly. It also faces a gubernatorial veto threat because of its impact on the executive budget.



MENTORS NEEDED

Did you know that YOU can help direct the future of the architecture profession? YOU can have a profound influence on future architects. YOU can monitor, guide, teach and direct AIA interns and help them to achieve licensure and a place in the architectural community. All you have to do is register with the AIA Las Vegas Chapter to be a mentor for the IDP (Intern Development) program. Now is the time to put your own experience and expertise to work. Share your knowledge with those who can benefit most. Become a Mentor. If you are interested contact R. Lavigne, Executive Director of AIA Las Vegas at rлавigne@aianevada.org



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**AIA NEVADA
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**
SEAN COULTER, AIA



As Spring slowly creeps in, the weather is changing for the better. This time of year is always a wonderful time in our state. The desert is beginning to bloom which is spectacular...at least for a week or two! Cool nights and warm days also allow for great outdoor activities, whether it is a picnic in the park, patio dining, a stroll in the neighborhood, watching sporting events or doing that long-needed yard work. For me yard work is one of those things I dread; at least until I start it. There are also other aspects about the Spring I love. With the warmer temperatures, it allows me to work on my painting (I'm an architect, so I can't afford a painting studio; I have to paint in the garage.) Another thing Spring means for me is great cycling weather.

Throughout the year there are many cycling events that take place and the Spring seems to be the best time to ride. There are several charity organizations that sponsor cycling events to help raise money for their particular cause. I like to participate in at least 6 of these a year and in April there is one I plan to participate in, the Tour de Cure in Henderson sponsored by the American Diabetes Association. There are three routes available this year, 15, 45 and 65 mile courses. The 65 mile course is not for the faint-of-heart as it will be leaving downtown Henderson and heading towards Sunrise Mountain then out to Calville Bay at Lake Mead (all the way to the beach!) and then back into Henderson via Boulder City. For anyone that has ridden this route before knows, the scenery is spectacular and the climbs are a bit heart-pounding, but that's the way any avid cyclist likes it, right? Another thing I like about this ride is that it coincides with the desert blooming and, with new paving on the highway; the asphalt is nice and smooth!

The reason I bring up cycling is that I feel it is important to support our community in ways that are not just directly related to architecture. I chose to do this because I whole-heartedly support the cause, I love cycling, I love the weather, I love the scenery and I love supporting the community in ways that get me away from architecture if only for a few hours. It also gives me a perspective of life that I sometimes take for granted. I hope there are events/organizations in your area that you feel are important enough to support. As architects, our ultimate responsibility is to the community and, other than the built environment, what better way to help than support your favorite charity!

If you don't mind getting up a bit early on a Saturday morning and doing a few hours of cardio, I would recommend the Tour de Cure, in the meantime, if I don't see you out on the bike, I hope your year is going great so far and I hope to see you at one of our local AIA events over the remaining months.

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American Insurance and Investment is inviting Nevada Design Professionals to attend their Design Conference 2011, being held on April 26th, 2011 at the Gold Coast Hotel in Las Vegas. Registration is \$50.00 per attendee. Conference being held from 8AM to 1:30PM, breakfast and lunch provided. Register today to receive 3 AIA HSW/LU's

This event is provides an excellent opportunity for Nevada design professionals to convene and focus on issues they face in today's legal, practice and economic environment. Keynote speaker is Dr. Robert Lang, who will provide insight on the current and future economic conditions. Dr. Lang is an urban planning and policy expert and professor of sociology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is co-director of Brookings Mountain West and director of the Lincy Institute. Additional speakers include Jean Weil, Nick Wieczorek, Esq., Guy LeVan, Kendall Nelson.

To register contact Steve Boyer at StevenB@american-ins.com



AIA NEVADA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE
ERIC ROBERTS, AIA
AIA NV SGN COORDINATOR

It has been a very active legislative session for the AIA. We were asked to testify before the Senate Committee on Employment and Commerce, the Committee on Education, and the Committee on Transportation. We have been consulted on multiple other bill draft requests from issues ranging from local preference to education funding. We are playing a larger and larger part in the political game.

There are also local elections taking place currently (they may be over by the time of publication). Races for Mayor in Las Vegas and City Council in Henderson have been hotly contested and remain a major part of the nightly news. We encourage all members of the American Institute of Architects to get out and vote! Make your voice heard!

As some of you may know, the deadline for all bills to be introduced was March 21; with the deadline for bills to come from committees set for March 28. Once these deadlines pass the real session begins. While there remain a number of issues and bills that are extraneous to the real issues of budget and funding the State; we expect that these issues will be resolved or eliminated through the month of April. By May we expect the session to become very urgent. We expect a very active and

passionate session that will take every last day of the allotted time and may include many late nights. While we cannot make any financial donations to candidates or issues during the session; we continue to stress the need to raise funds for future efforts.



We are implementing a "dime a day" program to raise funds for the PAC. Our Las Vegas Executive Board has thrown 100% support behind this initiative. We are asking each member to give a dime a day to the Political Action Committee. That equates to \$36.50 per member. With this minimal level of giving, we can raise a fantastic amount of money to promote the cause of architecture and design within the state. These donations can help support candidates who, in turn, support our industry and the issues that help architects. We also use these funds to promote issues to the public and to our elected officials.

Please take a moment to make a donation today! Your donations can make all the difference between success and failure of our efforts to promote and advocate for architects and architecture.



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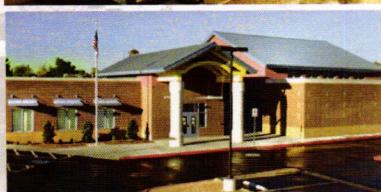


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DESIGN MATTERS

WAN LEE CONE, ASSOC. AIA

For the past couple of years, some members of AIA Northern Nevada have been fostering an idea to create a design alliance with parallel design professions in our community. We want to be leaders in bringing the community together to celebrate the great design that exists under our noses.

This year, we will be proposing a Design Symposium, most likely spanning two to three days. This symposium is meant to provide topics and discussions that will appeal to architects and other designers in the construction industry, graphic designers and marketing firms, furniture designers, artists, and a myriad of related industries. Another goal is to reach out to the young designers and students in our community, to begin to inculcate them into the culture that exists in Reno and the Truckee Meadows. We are hoping to work with the Black Rock Design Institute to bring in a speaker, set up a slide slam, and maybe even hold a small design competition. This is a little teaser to whet your appetite and hopefully get you excited. If you have ideas and want to help, contact the AIA Northern Nevada for contact information.

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This year the associate director for AIA Northern Nevada will again be hosting monthly mixers under the wider umbrella of the Young Designers Networking Group (yodeng). This is a chance for AIA associates and architecture students to speak with each other and share the goals and questions that are unique to this part of their professional development. We host these under the yodeng banner because of the smaller community of the Truckee Meadows and the reality that an architect works with designers from all fields. These mixers are a great opportunity to ask others how they have been weathering the recession. It is a great opportunity to just talk design with like minded individuals. It is a great opportunity to find out about possible opportunities! We look forward to seeing you this coming year for a drink and some socializing. Check aiann.org for updates for time and location of yodeng events.

LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



AIA Northern Nevada has created a facebook page which will help us communicate with our members and the community. Please take a moment to visit us by searching for American Institute of Architects Northern Nevada on Facebook and click "like" to keep up to date on all that is happening at AIANN.

2011 AIA NV DIRECTORY & RESOURCE GUIDE

The Spring Directory is now available for download and is posted to the AIA NV website. We would like to thank those who took the time to update your profile. Many potential clients will be sent the Directory, so go into the website and enter your member and/or firm profile details to ensure that the next issue includes all of your information.

We would also ask that you take a moment to review your info in this directory and if there are any errors, please go to your profile on the www.aianevada.org website and make the corrections. Remember, all info in the Directory is taken directly from the online profiles, so keep them up to date.

AIA NORTHERN NEVADA'S 2011 GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLD THE DATE

AIA Northern Nevada will be holding the 21st Annual Dennis Askew Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, August 22, 2011. Once again the tournament site will be the outstanding Montreux Golf and Country Club. Montreux is the home of the PGA Tour's Reno-Tahoe Open. The course is always in fantastic shape and provides a great venue for our event. AIA Northern Nevada is very privileged to be one of a select group of non-profit organizations to be able to take advantage of Montreux's hospitality for the day. As in years past the tournament will be a 4-person scramble format. Entry forms will be posted on the AIA NN website. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please email to aiann.org with questions about participating in this year's tournament.

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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

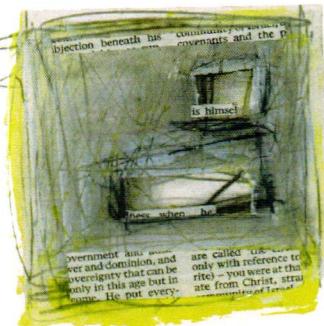
ROB FILARY, AIA

Charity is described as an activity or gift that benefits the public at large. As designers we obviously help form our community through our built work; however, I believe that we can go beyond this physical creation by also volunteering. As humans, we need to look out for each other and lend a helping hand whenever possible—we should be involved in our community at an intimate level. Volunteering your time and financially supporting worthwhile causes not only helps others in need, but I truly believe that you as an individual also reap the benefits of receiving "warm & fuzzy" feelings.

Although Las Vegas can be considered a transient town, I have made a conscience decision to put my roots down and become involved in our community. I have invested in our local AIA amongst other non-profit organizations that directly "benefit the public at large". As some of you already know, I lost my brother to cancer about seven years ago. Therefore, when I first moved to Las Vegas in 2005, I helped to rejuvenate the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life in the northwest part of the Valley. The event had been dormant since 1998. I was able to take my skill-set as an architect and lead a team of exceptional volunteers to create a successful community event, or as some have called it, "the best party in Vegas that also brought about cancer awareness." More recently, **Windom Kimsey, FAIA** inspired the AIA to be involved in St. Baldrick's, a volunteer-driven fundraising program that focuses on childhood cancer research. Windom's daughter Claire was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 10, and she has now been in remission for over four years. In support of Claire, and the millions of other people that have been touched by cancer, 19 members of our local design community bravely volunteered to shave their heads in support of this extremely worthy cause. I personally want to thank the shavees and all those who donated to this special event. Not only was it a fun event, but our 'Bald By Design' team raised over \$45,000 to become the top fundraiser in Nevada and the 3rd highest in the entire country. Congratulations to all of you who were courageous enough to go bald—you're awesome!

Beyond charities that aim at fighting illnesses and bring about valuable health awareness, there are several other organizations that align with the AIA's environmental mission. One such organization is the Habitat For Humanity of Las Vegas. **Wade Simpson, AIA** (Past President for both AIA Las Vegas and Nevada) sits on the Board of Directors of the Habitat For Humanity, and he along with **John Anderson, Assoc. AIA** and **Rick Van Diepen, Assoc. AIA** have helped Habitat to create sustainable housing. Habitat has been named as the official charity of the Indie Music Fest on May 21, 2011 at Sunset Park. This year's Indie Fest is focused on our environment, and one of the many eco-friendly events is the 'Habitat 5K Run (or crawl) & 1 Mile Walk'. All proceeds from this event will be used to help construct EnergyStar and WaterSmart homes for local families in need. **PUGSLEY.SIMPSON.COUTLER. ARCHITECTS** has created a team for the upcoming Habitat Race/Walk, and I invite you to join our team or even start a team of your own. For more information, contact me or go to: <http://www.habitatlasvegas.org/indie-fest-5k-run-1k-walk-2/>

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the AIA is another non-profit organization that can benefit from your spirit of volunteerism and financial support. During Architecture Week, the AIA will be hosting the High School Design Awards Program. AIA Las Vegas has been running this mentorship program since the late 80's as an avenue for high school students to participate and to learn more about the profession of architecture. For the last three years, **Yissa Renteria, Assoc. AIA** has served as the Chair, and she has done an exemplary job bringing design awareness to the next generation of architects. Although it's too late this year to volunteer as a mentor, I implore you to attend the April membership meeting to show your support. It's not only an opportunity for you to see the students' creative work, but it's also a venue for the students and their parents to speak to you. I'm sure you can remember as a youngster talking to a design professional and how their passion may have influenced your career choice. Also, keep in mind that we are in need of donations for this event. If you would like to support and inspire our youth by becoming a sponsor, you can contact Kelly Lavigne for more information. See you on April 13th when you can get "warm & fuzzy" with the AIA!



ART BY ARCHITECTS MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We all know architects are creative people, so are 'soon to be architects' and those who work in all areas of design. So how do you express yourself creatively? Do you paint? Sculpt? Sketch? Create works of art from unusual materials? Are you a computer

artist? Are you a photo- artist? Whatever medium you use we want to know about it and celebrate your creativity.

The AIA Las Vegas May Membership Meeting will be an exhibit (and sale) of the Art by Architects. To participate and enter a piece of art (or several pieces of your work) simply go to the aialasvegas.org website and select the Events/Calendar link and select the May Membership Meeting and then click to download the Art by Architects entry form. Then deliver your artwork to the AIA Las Vegas office by 5:00PM on Monday, May 16th. You may offer your art for sale (50% of sale price to AIA Las Vegas) or simply for exhibit; Or you may donate it to the Chapter to be sold as a fundraiser. Incidentally, though it is called "Art by Architects" the entries are not limited to work by architects.... Artwork from students, associates, interns, young architects, allied members and all members of the design community are welcomed.

Then join us on Wednesday, May 18th at 5:30PM, when the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School becomes our Art by Architects Gallery and we enjoy the creative talents of our members as we sip and sample delicious varieties of wine. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our creative community. And, who knows, you may sell (or buy) a priceless work of art.

To attend the meeting don't forget to RSVP online at www.aialasvegas.org by May 16th.

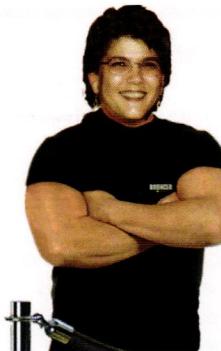


BIKE TOUR OF THE RTC BIKE CENTER

Join us on April 28th, when we tour the new RTC Bike Center, at the Bonneville Transit Center. AIA members have a special invitation to tour the 21,000 square foot

terminal which not only serves as a central transfer point for the transit system, but also features 16 on-site vehicle bays, 100 double-stacked bike racks, a self-service bike repair station and preferred parking spaces for hybrid vehicles.

The Bike Center was built to encourage more sustainable bike and foot traffic to and from downtown, and provides bike and park options as well as bike storage and repair areas. AIA members who are biking enthusiasts can't miss this opportunity. Ride your bike (or other transport) to the Historic Fifth Street School where you will receive a light lunch for free at noon, then together as a group we will bike/walk over to the Bonneville Transit Center for the tour at 1:00PM. RSVP online at aialasvegas.org for the Bike Tour.



RSVP POLICY

Every meeting provided by the AIA requires planning. In order to plan effectively, and to use our resources wisely, we need to know how many people are going to attend. That is why we ask you to go online and RSVP for every AIA meeting or event. If we know you are planning to attend, we can organize a more effective and efficient event.

If you RSVP and then find that you can't attend, please cancel your RSVP at least 48 hours before the event to avoid being charged a no show fee.

If you RSVP and then you just simply don't show up, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30.

If you don't RSVP and you show up at the door, the Chapter policy requires that we invoice you at a rate of \$30. Several people have mistakenly believed that they had indeed RSVP'd but due to not hitting "submit" at the bottom of the page, their RSVP was incomplete. **When you have RSVPd correctly, you will receive an email confirmation automatically. We require that you print out the confirmation and bring it with you to avoid being charged at the door.** If you do RSVP and for some reason do not get your email confirmation, please call AIA Las Vegas at 702.895.0936 and we will assist you.

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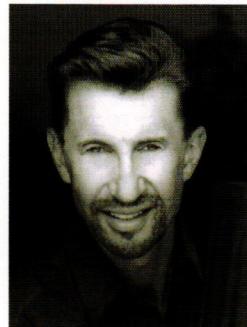
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ARCHITECTS SPEAK

A NEW SERIES OF LECTURES BY AIA LV ARCHITECTS

Architects are interesting people. That's because they are people who are interested in a wide variety of things. By education and, certainly by their own personal curiosity, They are problem solvers. Many are artists, writers, musicians, and sculptors. Some are researchers, teachers, civic and business leaders. All come to the profession of architecture to "make a difference"... to share their knowledge and their experiences and to create, to improve, to advance, to enrich our communities. AIA Las Vegas is tapping into the rich resource of our members talents and experiences – by presenting a series of programs in which "Architects Speak."

Bring your lunch (we'll provide the beverage) and join us at 11:30AM in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School. Open to the public, no charge for attending. All programs are registered for AIA CLU credits. **No charge to attend but you must RSVP to www.aialasvegas.org/events/calendar.**



In April we are featuring "The Evolution of the Citizen Architect" by **Ed Vance, AIA** on Thursday, April 21. Ed Vance is the AIA National Board Representative for the Young Architects Forum, and has a keen insight into career strategies for newly licensed architects.

The message and the information in this presentation applies not only to "Young Architects" but to all who are interested in building stronger communities, and furthering their career achievements.

The goal of this session is to encourage Young Architects, and young people, to not only become more engaged in their profession and their communities, but to identify the leadership skills they will need develop to become a successful leader in the profession and their community. Participants will leave with a toolkit and a newfound enthusiasm for personal improvement, for becoming leaders in their firms and communities and for serving the greater good. The program will chronicle the aspects of leadership development from Young Architect, Accomplished Practitioner to Citizen Architect.

Young architects are individuals who have been licensed ten years or less. While young architects share many of the same profession-wide issues as interns and Associate AIA members, they are unique in their professional development.

UPCOMING ARCHITECT SPEAK EVENTS

Wednesday, May 25 - 11:30AM

DAVID BAIRD, AIA "The Architect Artist"

Thursday, June 23 - 11:30AM

ERIC ROBERTS, AIA "The Political Animal"

Thursday, September 22 - 11:30AM

JESS HOLMES, FAIA "Design in the Desert"

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NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENT PAGE

The AIA LV office receives dozens of requests each week from individuals, businesses, organizations, conferences and conventions, -- all wanting us (AIA) to send their information to you by "blast e-mail". While in some cases this might be beneficial for you to know about their events, it is simply impossible for your Chapter to act as the conduit for their services. AIA Las Vegas has, therefore, instituted a policy governing these requests.

Requests for notices of meetings, events, conferences, lectures and CE opportunities, from affiliated organizations and others where there is no charge for attendance, will not be emailed to the membership. But, instead will be posted to the "Community Event Connection" page on the AIA Las Vegas website (under "Events"). There is a fee of \$25 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service. Where there is a charge for attendance there is a fee of \$100 payable in advance to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter for this service.

If you are looking for local CE events or other community events, please refer to the Community Event Connections page on www.aialasvegas.org.



BALD BY DESIGN RAISES OVER \$45,000 TO FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCER

AIA Las Vegas would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's St. Baldrick's event.

We had 19 shavees which included 1 toddler, 2 school kids and 2 women. Due to the generosity of so many people, the team raised over \$42,000 which made us the top team in Nevada and the 3rd highest fundraisers in the country!

Money was raised for St. Baldrick's Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, as part of its annual local signature head-shaving event (where volunteers shave their heads to stand in solidarity with the kids who typically lose their hair during cancer treatments).

The event was VERY well attended by many family, friends and AIA LV members. By all accounts, a great time was had by all!

We look forward to having an even larger team next year and proving to our community that AIA Las Vegas members are the most generous, fun-loving and giving people!

2011 Bald By Design Team Members: Aaron Reddick, AJ Plank, AIA, Alex Raffi, Angus Y., Bianca Cardenas, Christopher Lujan, Assoc. AIA, Eric Roberts, AIA, Erik Plank, Jeb Bozarth, Kelly Lavigne, Ken Meechudhone, Allied Member, Mark Dowell, AIA, Mark Hobaica, AIA, Mason Mitchell, Myron Ekstein, Nicholas L., Phil Ralston, Shawn Mitchell and Windom Kimsey, FAIA.



EPYAF MENTORSHIP DINNER

The EPYAF Mentorship Dinner series provides opportunities for young professionals to exchange ideas with their peers in the local design community.

Please come for dinner, listen to stories, and ask questions in an informal setting. The intent of the evening is to generate a relaxed environment for emerging professionals to engage in open discussion, as it relates to career development and other common interests.

The EPYAF committee would like to thank **DAVID BAIRD, AIA** for hosting the March Mentorship event. David is an active architect, educator, and artist with a vast array of experience. Those in attendance had an opportunity to engage in a vibrant dialogue about the future of architectural education and practice. As a principal of a small but successful design-build firm David brings a comprehensive knowledge of the built environment to the classroom. David has been instrumental in the evolving curriculum at the UNLV school of architecture. Currently the third year studio students are working with a local non-profit to assess program needs and develop solutions that may or may not be built forms. It is this type of hands on learning that is helping to develop future industry leaders. Please make plans to join us for the April Mentorship Event

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 2011

TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm book signing and 8:00pm Dinner

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Robert Fielden, FAIA

Dr. Fielden has practiced architecture in the Las Vegas Valley for over 45 years. He has recently published his first book, which explores the idea of place making as it relates to building communities. Please join Dr. Fielden for a book signing followed by an intimate conversation about practice over dinner.

LOCATION: RAFI Offices 155 S Water Street Suite 220, Henderson
RSVP: Attendance of the book signing is open to all member and non-members free of charge. Dinner registration is free to members (or \$10 for non-members) limited to the first 10 attendees to RSVP on the AIA Las Vegas website www.aialasvegas.org (if a member RSVPs but fails to attend, they will be charged \$10 for the event.)

ORGANIZER: Jeff Wagner- jwagner@rafi-nevada.com
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AIA PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECT MENTORING SERIES

The College of Fellows and the Young Architects Forum are sponsoring the development of a new, easy-to-participate webinar series to foster mentoring in the profession. The mentoring series is directed to firm and organization leaders, unlicensed professionals, young architects, and current and potential trainers and mentors to help them understand what mentoring is and how to establish successful mentoring programs. The program will provide established practitioners with the skills and tools to act as mentors and career coaches to young licensed professionals and unlicensed interns.

Each webinar will help mentors and mentees deal with a topic, rather than train on the topic itself. Our first session, "Getting Work," will deal with marketing and business development. Go to www.aia.org for more information.

NON-TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE PATH BY DEEPIKA PADAM, AIA

Many students drop out of architecture school after freshman year. A much larger proportion does so after sophomore year. The ones that are left survive the junior and senior years. A few don't graduate. A percentage of the graduates stick to architecture and go to grad school, either immediately or after couple years of earning some tuition. Some complete the grad school. I'm just referencing the traditional path; there are multiple ways to fulfill the education requirements. Either way, the next step is the long road of IDP and ARE. Quite a few get through IDP (especially now that NCARB has made it easier); fewer take care of the registration business. Some branch off to other professions at or before this point – MBA, law school, marketing, or whatever they find to earn relatively bigger bucks. These are the sensible kind.

Everybody has their reasons for why they are still around. But one quality that binds us is passion, although some would call it eccentricity. It gets worse with age... The older we get, the more we are caught in this addiction of architecture. A few understand the jubilation architects feel at the successful completion of a project (with little or no profit). Hence the term 'eccentricity'... Each project brings us a new challenge, new excitement, and an opportunity to do what we dreamt of doing while in architecture school and continue dreaming at the back of our minds. We want to make each project better than the one before it. And there is no end to it.

Although we can blame the economy for losing many of our colleagues lately, quite a few left on their own will and are happy with what they are doing. They have encouraging stories to tell of how they rebuilt their lives from scratch, or began from where they left and improved on their options through education, training or volunteer work. If one keeps at it, the opportunities present themselves eventually. It is up to us to identify the dim light and grab it at the right moment. What are the options?

Natural disasters, though unfortunate, present an opportunity to architects to do what we are supposed to be doing all along – creating shelters for health, safety and welfare of people. Community projects and volunteer projects for the needy are equally important. I imagine that war struck places need improved architecture as well. And then there are the ideas competitions that often are tailored to similar challenges, and might lead to a commissioned project someday.

The possibilities in ever-changing technology are also endless. One could help in the development of better software for architects, creative architecture-focused websites (or apps for that matter), or improved social virtual media tailored to the profession. Or one could simply engage in the recording of built work through their love of photography, sketching and travelling. We are dreamers after all. Better yet, we are smart enough problem solvers to figure out ways to pay our bills while enjoying the elation this profession offers us.

It is believed by some that at the pace we are losing our contemporaries currently might pose a problem in the future. Although the signs of a stabilized economy are being suggested, we are still far from hiring back everybody who got laid off. In the meanwhile, there are ways that they may stay connected to their love for architecture by doing related jobs. Non-architecture work that branches off the roots and yet, is closely knit with architecture may not be such a bad idea, especially if you love what you do.

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AIA 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference

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2011 WMR CONFERENCE HOSTED BY AIA LAS VEGAS

AIA Las Vegas will host the 2011 Western Mountain Region Conference on October 5-8, 2011 in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference is "CONNECTIONS: Physical Abstract Creative" and was created to explore the tangible and conceptual ways in which the states and components of the Western Mountain Region are associated. We are connected through the physical concerns for water, energy, transportation and through the abstract unions of culture, traditions and philosophy, as well as through the creative visions of resourceful and imaginative design. The Conference will be a celebration of all that unites us, and will open discussion on our shared potential, values, expectations and future.

Mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend. Also, watch for additional updates on keynote speakers and programs—Get your C.E., HSW and Sustainable Design Credits.



TWO GOLF TOURNAMENTS IN 2011

The 38th Annual AIA Las Vegas Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, May 6th, at the National Golf Course. Then, as a part of the WMR Conference, the WMR Tournament will be held on October 8th, at National Golf Course. Plan to have a team in each tournament and get a \$100 discount on Team Fee for the Fall WMR Tournament. Sponsors

also get a great deal. This year they get both tournaments when they buy one sponsorship for the spring tournament. For team and sponsor information visit www.aialasvegas.org/selectEvents or contact klavigne@aianevada.org

THE 38TH ANNUAL AIA LAS VEGAS GOLF TOURNAMENT

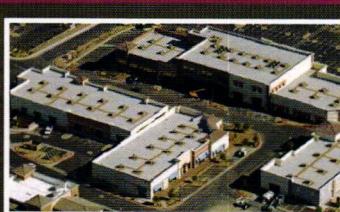
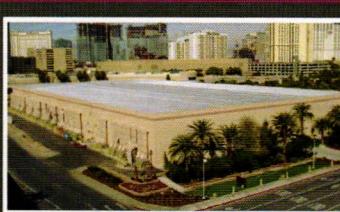
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THE WMR CONFERENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 8th - National Golf Course

It's not too early to sign up your TEAM and reserve your spot for both Tournaments today. Go online www.aialasvegas.org and complete your Team Registration Form(s). \$600.00 per team, \$150.00 per individual player. \$100.00 discount when you sign up for both the Spring and Fall Tournaments.

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2011 CONTINUING EDUCATION LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 30 – "Mounting Systems" hosted by Robert Powers of Da-Lite. Registered for 1 LU.

Thursday, Aug. 11 – Hosted by Angela Williams of NanaWall - Program TBD.

Thursday, Oct. 27 – Hosted by Kathy Kaiser of Aon Fire Protection – Program TBD.

Please note: There is no charge to attend our CE classes. But if you RSVP and then fail to show up, there is a no show fee of \$30.

THE REAL VALUE OF YOUR 2011 DUES

This is the time of year when members consider the value in paying their AIA dues. So, what are you getting for your money? The benefits of AIA membership are extensive on all levels

– national, state and local, but their value is determined by each individual member. On the state and local level (which includes regional participation) all members receive the same benefits. Whether you are an architect, an associate. Though architects pay a total of \$435 on the state and local level, and associates pay a total of \$200, each member receives \$1,025 in actual value for their dues. Based on this year's combined budgets for AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas = \$497,088and a membership of 485 persons on 1/1/2011, each member receives the following value for their dues payment:

Chapter Services/Operation	\$603
Communications/Marketing	\$56
Events, Programs, C.E. Classes, Awards & Meeting	\$286
Legislative Advocacy	\$36
Regional and National Representation, Travel	\$44
Actual Value of Member Dues	\$1025

Now more than ever, the unity and the collective voice of the AIA provides more value for the individual member. Policy makers are making decisions that will impact the immediate and long range future of the profession and it is the AIA that is working on the local, state and federal levels to inform and educate them to the importance of the architectural industry. On the state level, AIA Nevada is the collective voice of the architecture profession and is working with the AIA Nevada Task Force, the Building Jobs Coalition and the Pencil Ready Projects... to make sure that the architect's concerns and interests are heard by key decision-makers at all levels and in the private sector. Our goal is to get the design and construction industries back to work.

So whether you are an architect, associate or allied member you are receiving a lot for your money. By maintaining your membership you are supporting important AIA efforts to generate jobs and you are helping to craft a better future for yourself, the profession and your community.



2011 AIA LAS VEGAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are now available for the 2011 AIA Las Vegas Scholarships, both online at www.aialasvegas.org and from Andrea Johnson at the UNLV School of Architecture Office.

Each year AIA Las Vegas provides over \$15,000 in scholarships for UNLV architecture students. These include the following:

1st through 6th Year

Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects Travel Award - \$1,500

2nd Year into 3rd

Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

3rd Year into 4th

AIA Las Vegas Scholarship - \$1,500

William Snyder Honorary Scholarship - \$1,000

SHarchitecture Honorary Scholarship - \$2,000

YWS Architects 4th Year Award of Excellence - \$2,500

4th Year into 5th

John Klai Honorary Scholarship - \$2,500

YWS Architects 5th Year Award of Excellence - \$3,500

Deadline for applications is April 25, 2011. Recipients will be contacted prior to graduation and will be honored at the All-School Meeting in September, 2011.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE EMPLOYED TO EARN IDP CREDITS THROUGH NCARB

The Intern Development Program ("IDP"), is a comprehensive training program created to ensure that interns in the architecture profession gain the knowledge and skills required for the independent practice of architecture. While every jurisdiction requires that interns acquire experience under a registered architect's direct supervision, today many of our interns are unemployed and are not earning IDP credits. There is hope, however, through NCARB's supplementary education. Through supplementary education, interns, whether or not employed, may earn training hours outside of a traditional work setting.

Of the 5,600 hours required for completion of IDP, 3,720 hours are considered core minimum hours. The additional 1,880 hours required are considered elective hours. Interns may earn core hours through the following NCARB-recognized supplementary education opportunities: Community-Based Design Center/Collaborative, CSI Certification, practice exercises in the Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC), Design Competitions, reading the NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph and passing a quiz, and Site Visits with a Mentor. Additionally, Interns may earn elective hours (that are not applied to any specific IDP training area) through the following NCARB recognized supplementary education opportunities: Obtaining an Advanced Degree, AIA Continuing Education, CSI CEN Approved Program, CSI Certificate Program, obtaining a GBCI LEED AP credential, and by completing exercises in the Emerging Professionals Companion. All of the supplementary education activities can be reported directly online through the electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system.

To establish your NCARB record and for more information on each of the supplementary education opportunities please visit www.ncarb.org

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APRIL
5 AIANN Executive Board Meeting

8 Johns Manville Roof Consultant Seminar
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MAY
4 AIANN Executive Board Meeting

12 AIANN Q2 Luncheon
Tamarack Junction

25 yodeng (tentative)

AIA LAS VEGAS EVENTS

APRIL
11-15 Architecture Week

12 AIA LV Board Meeting

13 Celebrate Architecture Reception/
Awards Program

21 Architects Speak – Ed Vance, AIA
The Citizen Architect

AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

27 Kla Juba Lecture

MAY
6 38th Annual AIA LV Golf Tournament

10 AIA LV Board Meeting

12-14 AIA National Convention and Design
Expo – New Orleans

18 AIA Membership Meeting

19 AIA NV Ex Com Meeting

25 Architects Speak – David Baird, AIA
“The Artist Architect”